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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed June 7, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application.

The Office Action appears to address the claims as they stood prior to the Amendment filed on March 13, 2006. For instance, the Office Action objects to allowable claims 10 and 28 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, even though both claims were deleted in the March 13 Amendment. As another example, the March 13 Amendment added the elements of allowable claim 10 to the base claim 1 to place claim 1 in condition for allowance. The current Office Action, however, repeats the rejection of claim 1 without referring to the elements added to it from claim 10.

Claim Summary

Claims 1-9, 11- 27, and 29-33 remain in the present application. Claims 10 and 28 were previous cancelled in the March 13, 2006 Amendment without prejudice.

Office Action Summary

Claims 1-7, 9, 21-27, and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being unpatentable over US Patent Application 2001/0052877 by Honda et al. Claims 8, 10-20, 28-30, and 32-33 were allowed or allowable.

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Detailed Response

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as previously amended in the March 13, 2006 Amendment placed claims 1-9, 11- 27, and 29-33 in condition for allowance.

Specifically, allowable claims 8, 13, 16, and 17 have been converted into independent claims, and amended to include all the limitations of the rejected base claim 1. Given that claims 14 and 15 depend from claim 13, and claims 18-20 depend from claim 17, Applicant respectfully submits claims 14, 15, and 18-20 are also now in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to add the elements of allowable claim 10. Therefore, for at least the reasons claim 10 was allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Given that claims 2-7, 9, 11-12, and 21-23, as amended, depend from amended claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7, 9, 11-12, and 21-23, as amended, are also now in condition for allowance.

Claim 24 has been amended to add the elements of allowable claim 28. Therefore, for at least the reasons claim 28 was allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 24 is in condition for allowance. Given that claims 25-27 and 29-31, as amended, depend from amended claim 24, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 25-27 and 29-31, as amended, are also now in condition for allowance.

Claim 32 was already in independent form. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits claim 32, and its dependent claim 33, are both in condition for allowance.

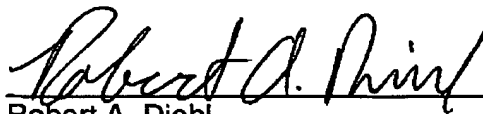
In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-9, 11-27, and 29-33 are in a condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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